

IOWA RUBES PLAY LOW TRICK ON HENS

Farmers Make Them Lay Eggs Day and Night—How?—Just Read and Learn

BUT THE HENFRUIT IS SMALLER

A Jersey Hen in Missouri Would Lay a Different Sort of an Egg, an Expert Testifies in Court—What Causes the Difference.

Newark, N. J.—That a New Jersey hen would lay a different shaped egg if it was taken to Missouri was an assertion made in an unusual suit heard before Judge Haisley and a jury in the Circuit Court at Newark.

Paul Mandeville of Chicago brought suit against the firm of H. Koch & Co. of Newark to recover \$332, the value of a carload of Missouri eggs consigned to that firm.

Testimony was given by experts as to the age of eggs and in just what State they originated. It was declared by John W. Bain for the defence that he handled eggs for years, that he was able to ascertain the thickness of a shell and at a glance to tell correctly the number of spots on an egg.

When asked how he could tell a Missouri egg from an Iowa one an expert said the Missouri eggs were big and brown and the Iowa variety a peculiar white and of an odd shape not discernible to the ordinary mortal.

"Can you tell an egg from central Missouri?" "Yes, it is very dark brown."

"What kind of an egg comes from southern Missouri?" "Slightly larger, spotted and lighter in color."

"Slightly larger, spotted and lighter in color." Iowa eggs were smaller than the hen product of Missouri, which Koch received.

"Well, you see, in that part of Iowa," the witness explained, "the farmers have a scheme whereby hens are made to lay two eggs a day. They fool the hens—that is, they turn on electric lights in the chicken coops about 2 o'clock in the morning. The hens think the sun is up and get busy. After they lay the lights are turned out. Then, of course, when daylight does arrive they lay another. On this account the eggs are necessarily smaller in size."

"Now, I have some hens at home," said Judge Haisley in the course of Mandeville's testimony "do you mean to tell me that if I bring one of my New Jersey hens to Missouri that hen will lay a different egg to what it did here?" "Exactly," replied the witness. "The temperature, climate, the shipping of the hen would all work changes in the product both as to color and quality."

MICE DELAYED A WEDDING.

Chewed Holes in Editorial Trousers on Way from Chicago Tailor.

Sioux City, Iowa.—Naughty behavior on the part of express office mice made the marital plans of Albert S. Crabb, editor of the Aurelia Sentinel, go awry. He was to be married here to Miss Jennie M. Day, of Lemaris. When he examined his wedding suit which had just come from Chicago by express, he found the mice had eaten big holes just where his knees would have needed covering. The editor was frantic and so was his bride. The wedding was delayed one day while a Sioux City tailor got very busy to remedy the deficiency.

CHAS. W. ELIOT.



Who Declined the Post of Ambassador to Great Britain.

Saw in Hand Eighteen Years. Painesville, Ohio.—Eighteen years ago Arthur H. Doty, of South State street, had an operation performed upon his nose. A saw used was broken off and was supposed to have been lost. The other day while Doty was blowing his nose the broken bit of saw was coughed or blown out. It was over half inch long and had been secreted in his head all these years.

APPARATUS TO SHOW SEX

Experiments with Sexophone Seem to Bear Out the Claims of Its Inventor.

London.—How to determine sex before birth has long puzzled scientists—especially the sex of a bird while still in the egg. An Englishman has invented an apparatus which, it is said, will do this. He calls the apparatus the sexophone, and declares that with its aid he can determine the sex of any living creature.

Recently some experiments were tried with the sexophone at the home of W. T. Stead, the well-known publicist. The inventor had stated in describing the apparatus that if it were held over a male the pendulum would gyrate in circles that grow wider and wider, while if it were held over a female the pendulum would swing backward and forward.

The sexophone was shown to be a pendulum of copper wire and a piece of highly magnetized steel, ending in a pith ball. It was held above the subject by means of a wooden handle with a copper core.

Various tests were made at Mr. Stead's house not only with human beings, but with eggs, a rabbit, a hedgehog, a guinea pig, and a pigeon, and in every case the instrument responded according to the sex of the subject as the inventor said it would.

Besides Mr. Stead, among those who watched the proceedings were Major Gen. Sir Alfred Turner. The former expressed himself much interested and said that he intended to go further into the subject.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, "SOCIALIST JOAN OF ARC"



Three years ago Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a girl then fifteen years old, was heralded in New York as "a new Joan of Arc." She made impassioned speeches from public platforms in the interest of socialism. Afterward she spoke in other cities. Although a radical and fiery speaker, she was personally quiet, modest and simple in her every-day life.

Last January she married, though she still holds her maiden name, and for a year she and her minor husband, John Archibald Jones, have been in Chicago doing propaganda work there for the Industrial Workers of the World.

FEW BLACK HAND CONVICTIONS SHOWN

New York City.—The Black Hand's record of murder and extortion during the past fourteen months, as known to the police of New York City and adjacent towns, is little less than amazing.

From Bingham's annual report, Jan. 1, 1909:

Black Hand Cases.	
Cases reported	424
Arrests	215
Convictions	36
Discharges	156
Cases Pending	22
Years of sentences, 54 years, 2 months 5 days.	
Bomb Explosions.	
Cases reported	44
Arrests	70
Convictions	9
Discharges	58
Cases Pending	3
Years of sentences, 5 years 6 months 10 days.	

THROWN INTO PYTHON'S FOLDS.

Man Killed by Great Snake in Mexico Through His Horse Shying.

Coatzacoalos, Mexico.—Miguel Espinosa, a plantation overseer, while down in the Tuxia district inspecting some lands, met a horrible death in the embrace of a huge snake.

Coming suddenly upon an immense python, which the rancher did not see, his horse stopped suddenly and threw Espinosa over his head. The unfortunate man, who was galloping in the lead of his party, fell into the coils of the immense serpent and was crushed to death before Pancho Ortiz, the next man in the party, could come up and shoot the snake.

The python was 15 feet 7 inches in length.

WOODEN COLLAR BUTTONS.

Produced Here in Enormous Numbers for Special Uses.

Collar buttons are made not only of various metals but also and in great numbers of wood.

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To be dried they are placed thousands at a time, in a similar drying apparatus in which they are rolled and tumbled again, to keep them from sticking together, until they are thoroughly dry; and then there are the finished buttons which have never been touched by hand.

Wooden collar buttons are sold to the trade by the great gross, but they are not counted out in such numbers, for even machine counting would take some time and cost money, so the weight of a great gross being known, discovered by actual counting and weighing, they weigh out the buttons for packing, such and such a weight of them making a great gross. In this way they practically count out 1,728 buttons at a time, that number being in the trade the wooden collar button unit.

These collar buttons of wood are sold to dealers in laundry supplies and to manufacturers of shirtwaists. Altogether the number used for these purposes is enormous, amounting to many millions annually.

Wooden collar buttons are one of the minor products of factories making a specialty of turned wood goods.

This Busy Age.

"This is a busy age, sure enough," said a man who prides himself on keeping in touch with old friends. "We get new proofs of it every day. Not only do we find that we ourselves have less time to devote to this, that and the other thing, but we have it brought in upon us that everybody is pretty much in the same fix."

"The other morning I had a letter from a chap whom I know pretty well. I say it was a letter—it was and it wasn't, and in that contradiction lies the point of my remark. A bit of good fortune had happened to him; he had been given a position that counted for a lot, and his home paper had printed an item about it. Wanting to tell me of his luck he had clipped the item from the sheet and pasted it on a piece of paper, and forwarded it to me with his initials scrawled across the bottom. Five years ago he would have sat down and written me. Now he uses shears and paste. Oh! It's all right; I got the information and that's the main thing. But we're all pretty busy, aren't we?" he concluded.

Dislike Curly-Haired Men.

It is not generally known that there is a well-defined prejudice against curly-haired men when it comes to choosing a jury. When asked to explain the objection to curly-haired men, a prominent lawyer said:

"When I was just starting life my legal mentor intimated that idea very forcibly into me. He said that curly-haired men almost invariably had been the pampered darlings of their parents, and in their youth had been so accustomed to having their own way that they had grown up in the belief that everybody on earth was wrong except themselves. In this way the seeds of opposition were sown, and as men they made it a point to disagree with everybody and everything. If every other man on the jury voted one way they would vote the other. They usually are as stubborn as the day is long. Hence a curly-haired man never goes on the jury if I can prevent it."

Temperance in England.

A century ago drunkenness was a prevalent vice among all classes in England. So little was thought of it that William Pitt could appear in the House in a state of beastly intoxication while Prime Minister, without provoking any unfavorable remark. To-day our upper and middle classes are as sober as any people in the world. How has the change been brought about? Certainly not by acts of Parliament or compulsory restrictions of any kind upon the consumption of liquor. I suppose it is due to the progress of education and refinement, a better understanding of the poisonous effects of alcohol, and the formation of a more wholesome public opinion in consequence. As a matter of fact the same influences have been working with good and interesting effect in the lower strata of society for twenty years or more past.—Truth.

Unrequited Genius.

The world has never learned the name of the genius who conceived the idea of spreading butter upon his bread, a combination of food elements, more palatable, more wholesome and more universally popular than any that the combined wisdom of all the professors who have ever lived have been able to devise.—The Epicure.

The Ocean's Salt.

It is estimated that there are in the world's ocean; 7,000,000 cubic miles of salt, and the most astonishing thing about it is that if all the salt could be taken out in a moment the level of the ocean would not drop one single inch.

PRAYER BROUGHT DROUGHT

Holliness Preacher "Punished" Lumber Company That Denied Him Wages.

Bokhoma, Oklahoma.—Like Moses of old, calling down judgment of the Lord on the land of Pharaoh, the Rev. Charles Ford, a holliness preacher, called down a plague on Bokhoma, in the form of a drought, and after his public prayer scarce a drop of rain had fallen here for six months until the minister prayed for the drought to end.

The remarkable prayer was made after the Rev. Mr. Ford had been denied a sum of money, which he claimed as back wages, from the Frisco Lumber Company. During the drought business was paralyzed, and hundreds of men moved their families that were in actual want to other parts of the State.

The Rev. Mr. Ford's congregation at Bokhoma is small, and, in addition to his clerical duties, the minister worked at the mill of the Frisco Lumber Company. Six months ago the pastor resigned his position at the mill, and said he did not receive all the salary that was due him. He then announced his intention of asking the Lord to withhold the rain from this locality indefinitely. The following Sunday he made his prayer for the pulpit.

The water supply gradually grew smaller, and the mills shut down. At the end of three months the big pond which supplied water for the Frisco Lumber Company was as dry as tinder, and the plant was forced to shut down. When the workmen's families began to suffer the minister announced that he would pray for enough rain to enable the mills to resume operations for a week.

In answer to his supplication, a heavy rain fell that night and continued throughout the next day, and the mills started up and worked just eight days before the supply again gave out and operations ceased.

In his farewell sermon, the Rev. Mr. Ford told his congregation he would pray for rain as soon as he had crossed the river into another county, and bade them prepare to return to work. He took his departure, and three hours after he left Bokhoma the heaviest rain in more than a year set in. For six hours, an hour for every month of the drought, it poured in torrents.

THE LATEST.



Here is the New Cabriolet Hat.

CARNEGIE'S IDEA OF FIRST STEP FOR WORLD'S PEACE

Washington.—Andrew Carnegie, as president of the Peace Society, being asked what was, in his opinion, the next easiest and most practical step that could be taken to limit further naval expansion in the interests of international peace, replied: Britain and America to agree as follows: America will defend against attack the British possessions upon the Atlantic, including the islands in the South. Britain will defend against attack the American Coast upon the Pacific and Hawaii and the Philippines. This agreement to terminate at the end of five years' notice given by either party.

OIL CAPTURES WILD GEESE.

Feathers Are Clogged and Men Sizable Helpless Flock.

Mount Vernon, Ill.—A party returning from a hunt on the Wabash River report the capture of a flock of wild geese in a peculiar manner. The geese alighted in a quiet cove which was heavily coated with oil from the Illinois fields, and the feathers of the birds became heavily impregnated. They attempted to fly, but their efforts were fruitless and twenty-five birds were captured.

Marriage Among the Immortals. Eulcott City, Md.—A marriage license has been issued here to the following: Hood—Wink.—James E. Hood, 24; Rosie May Wink, 23, both of Baltimore.

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